ELISSA

The Doom of Zimbabwe. By H. RIDER HAGGARD.

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lowed by hundreds of worshippers, had van-ished through the tortuous and narrow en-trance of the temple, and Aziel leaned back

There, among the principal votaries of a golders, the wickedness of whose worship was a scandal and a byword even in the amelent world, walked the woman to whom he felt so errangely drawn and with whom, if there were any truth in the visions of Issachar and the mysterious warnings of his own coul, his fate was intertwined. A suddon revulsion filled his heart as he thought of it. She was wise, and she seemed beau-

tiful and innocent, but lesschar was right; this girl was the minister of an abominable creed; nay, for aught he knew, she was herself defiled with its abominations, and her wisdom but an evil gift from the evil powers she served. Could be, a prince of the royal blood of the house of firmel and of the ancient Pharachs of Khem, desire to have anything to do with such an one, he, a child of the chosen people, a worshipper of

"It is no mummery, worthy Issachar, but ceremony of sacrifica which is to be priestenses, while without this a ceremony of sacrifice, which is to be offered to the temple yender, for the recovery from her eickness of the Lady Bualtis, the high pricaters. "Where, then, is the offering? I see Jews,

none, unless it be those doves that are tied to the wrists of the women." ing, darkly, "the gods ask nobler blood than alternately with strange effect. In part it

"Y SEE THE SWORD OF THE TRUE GOD AND IT FLAMES ABOVE THIS CITY."

that of the doves. The offering is within, was formal and in part an improvised sup-

fair flesh gleamed.

brightened with pigments, turned up to heaven. By degrees her movements grew more

rapid, till at length, as she whirled round.

her long black hair streamed out straight

upon the air, and the crown of flowers looked

like a scarlet ring. Suddenly the bronce

knife in her right hand flashed, and a spot

of red appeared over her left breast; then the knife in the left hand flashed, and an-

other spot appeared over the right breast, and at each stroke the multitude cried

Ah!" as with one voice, and then were

Now the maddened dancer, ceasing her

whirlings, leaped high into the air, clashing the knives above her head and crying, "Hear me, hear me, Baaltis!" Again she leaped, and this time the answer that came

rom her lips was spoken in another voice

which said, "I am here. What seek you?"
A third time she leaped, replying in her

own voice, "Health for thy servant who is sick." Then came the answer in the second

"I hear you, but I see no excriftee.

"What sacrifice wouldst thou, O, queen?

"One only. The first-born child of a

As this commend, which they supposed to

be divine and from above, issued from the lips of the gashed and bleeding oracle, the

nultitude shouted aloud, while the girl her

Now a priest of El who was named the

Shadid, none other, indeed, than the hus-band of her who lay sick, sprang upon the platform and cried.

"The goddess has spoken by the mouth of her oracle. She who is the mother of all

demands one life out of the many she has

priestess upon earth, may be recovered of

her sickness. Say, who will lay down a life for the honor of the goddess and that her

Now-for all this scene had been care-

fully prepared-a woman stepped forward,

wearing the robe of a priestess, who bore

in her arms a drugged and sleeping child.
"I, father," she cried, in a shrill, hard voice, though her lips trembled as she spoke, "Let the goddess take this child, the

first fruit of my body, that our mother Baaltis may be cured of her sickness and

that I, her daughter, may be blessed by the goddeas, and, through me, all we who

The Shadid stretched out his arms to

of idelators and abominations. I see this place

of sacrifice, and I tell you that before the

the blood of idol worshippers and of you,

And she held out the little

worship her.

have spoken too freely in your presence, women of the groves. The heathen is at prince. This is my business: Yonder in the your gates, ye followers of demons, and my

victim toward him.

regent in this land may be saved alive?"

utterly exhausted, fell to the earth

up his eyes, "how long will you suffer that ended, a beautiful girl advanced to an

read your scriptures, and is it not set out in

them that your forefather Abraham was com-

manded to offer up his first-born in such a

blood of children."

rites in yonder temple?"

"Blaspheme not," answered the Jew. "He

Here Issachar broke off, suddenly, recog-

nizing the Lady Elissa among the white-robbed priestesses. Watching her, he noted

ber, and saw, what she could not see, that

the prince was seated at it. "The daughter

of Satan spreads her nots," he muttered be-

tween his teeth. Then a thought atruck him, and he added aloud, "Say, Metem, is

it permitted to strangers to witness the

is, if they guard their tongues and do noth-

so doubtless does the Prince Aziel. There-

fore, if it is your will, do me the service

to enter his clamber in the palace where he is sitting sed bid him to a great caremony

Metem, if he asks what that ceremony is, I

charge you, say only that a dove is to be of ficed. I will wait for you at the gate of the temple, but tell him not that I sent you

on this errand. Metem, you love gain. Remember that if you humor me in this and

other matters which may arise, doing my

bidding faithfully, I have the treasury of

"No ill paymaster," replied Metem, cheerfully, "Certainly I will obey you is all things, holy Issachar, as the king commanded me youder in Jerusalem."

"Now," he reflected to himself, as he went

upon his message, "I see how the bird flies. The Prince Aziel is in love with the Lady

Elissa, or far upon the road to it, as it his age it is right and proper that he should

is minded that his charge will have naught to do with a priestess of Baaltis, as, his

age and calling considered, is also right and proper. Then there is that black savage

Ithobal, who wishes to win the girl, and the girl herself, who, after the fashion of her

sex, will probably play them all off one against the other. Well, so much the better

for me, for I shall be a richer man even

than I am before the affair is done with. I have two hands, and gold is gold, whoever

be the giver," and, smiling craftily to him-

CHAPTER V.

THE PLACE OF SACRIFICE.

Suddenly Aziel, looking up from his reverie, saw the Phoenician howing before

"May the prince live forever," he said. "yet if he suffer melancholy to overcome

"Of the Lady Elissa, Prince? Ah, I guessed it. She is beautiful, is she not, and

learned also, though myself, in a women, I prefer the beauty without the learning. It is

a pity now that she should chance to be a pricatess of our worship, for that will not please the holy Issachar, whom, I fear,

prince, you find a stern guide for the feet

"I crave your pardon, prince," answered the Phomician, spreading out his hands in deprecation. "I have struck a good bargain for my wares this morning, and drank wine to seal it, therefore let me be forgiven if I

"Your business, merchant," broke in Aziel,

'I was but thinking, Metem," answered

him thus, his life will be a sad one."

celf, he passed into the palace.

him, cap in hand.

Aziel, with a start.

The holy Issachar, on the other hand,

that goes forward in the temple,

'Surely," answered the Phoenician, "that

Then I desire to see them, Metem, and

her glance at the window of Aziel's cham-

played in them, and thus be cured forever of the longings that had seized him. "What is the ceremony!" he asked.

"A sacrifice for the recovery of the Lady Beattle, who is sick, prince." "And what is the sacrifice?" asked Aziel. "A dove, as I am told," was the indifferent

"I will come with you, Meters." So be it, prince. Your retinue awaits you

et the gate."
At the main entrance to the palace Aglel found his guard and other so vants gathered there to escort him. With them was lasucher. whom he greeted, asking him if he knew the errand upon which they were bent.

"I do, prince. It is to witness the abomina-tion of a sacrifice of these heathens."
"Will you, then, accompany me there, Issa-

char?" 'Where my lord goes, I go," answered the Levite g evely. "Moreover, prince, if you have your reasons for wishing to see this

devil worship, I may have mine."

Then they set out, Metem guiding them. At the north gate of the temple, which was not more than a yard in width, the Phoeniclan spoke to the guards on duty, who drew back to let them pass. In single file, for the passages were too parrow to allow of any other meens of progression, they threaded the tortuous and mazy paths of the great building, between huge wails built of granite blocks laid without mortar, till at the true and only God? Yesterday she had thrown a spell upon him, a spell of black magic, or the spell of her imperial beauty, which it mattered not, but today he was the large of granite, steed two containing the large of the the lord of his own mind and would shake the type of the smaller about half that home can pass in or go out, and let the limited place below the Levite Issa- hoight. These towers, also built of blocks sacrifice be offered." himself free of it and her.

In the market place below the Levite Issachar had also witched the passing of the pricess and privatesses of El and Basits.

"Tell me, Metem," he asked of the Phoeniplatform surmounted by a stone altar, and platform surmounted by a stone altar, and him his head repart of the passing of the phoenic and basics. In front of them was a platform surmounted by a stone altar, and him his head repart of the prices. The price is a stone altar, and him his head repart of the prices. The price is a stone altar, and him his head repart of the prices are the prices. The price is a store of the prices. The prices is a store of the prices. The prices is a store of the prices. The prices are the prices and the prices are the prices and the prices are the prices. The prices are the pr

nurmured audibly at the admission of these the wrists of the women."

"Nay, [seacher," answered Metem, smilr, darkly, "the wols age needs blood the sestences of which they chanted

"I be those doves that are tied the wrists of the way to Aziel.

"Prince," whispered the veiled form, "I em prayer, the sestences of which they chanted

Elissa. For your life's sake keep still and

listened to issachar's denunciations in bevildered amazement, not unmixed with fear. But now with a roar of wrath they awoke and suddenly he was dragged from the platform by a score of bands and struck sonseless with many blows. Indeed he would then and there have been torn to pieces had not a guard of soldiers, knowing that he was Sakon's guest and in the train of the Prince Azicl, snatched him from the mad-dened multitude and born him swiftly to a place of safety without the inclosure. While the tunuit was at its height a Phoenician, who had arrived in the temple breachless with haste, might have been seen to pluck Metem by the sleeve.

"What is it?" Metem asked, for the man was his servant.

"This, the Lady Banitis is dead. I watched as you bade me, and, as she had promised to do, her woman waved the rankin from

to do, her woman waved the napkin from the casement of the tower where she lies."
"Do any know of this?"

"Then say no word of it," and Metem hurried off in search of Aziel.

Presently he found him in company with is guards seeking for Issachar.

lives in danger."
"I do not par pardon you," answered Aziot,

Before Metem could answer a voice cried, "Close the doors of this sanctuary, so that "Listen, prince," said Metem. "You must

"Then I tell you, Phoenician," answered Azlel, "that caltier than suffer that innocent child to be butchered before my eyes I will out my way to it with my guards and rescue "To leave yourself dead in place of it," an-

sacred sing stood the masses of spectators. among whom Aziel and his following were given place, though some of the more place

> silent, or you will be slain, for your words have been overheard." "Away with you, women," answered Aziel.
> "What bave I to do with a girl of the groves

and a murderess of children."
She winced at his bitter words, but anwered quietly: Then on your own head be your blood, prince, which I have risked much to keep

unshed. But before you die learn that I knew nothing of this foul sacrifice, and that gladly would I give my own life to save that "Save it and I will believe you," answered

Save it and I will believe you, answered the prince, turning from her.

Elizar slipped away, for she saw that the prioritesses were reforming their ranks, and that she must not tarry. When she had gone a few yards a hand caught her by the eleeve, and the voice of Metem, who had overheard all this talk whitespray in her car. all this talk, whispered in her ear:
"Lady, what will you give me if I show you a way to save the life of the child, and with that of the prince, and at the same time to make him think well of you again.

"All my jewels and ornaments of gold and they are many," she answered eagerly. "Good; it is a bargain. Now listen. The "Good; it is a bargain. Now listen. The Lady Bankis is dead; a few minutes since she died, and none here know it save my-self, nor can they learn it, for the gates ire shut. Do you be, therefore, inspired—of the gols—and say so, for then the sacrifice nust ccase, seeing that she for whom it was o be offered is dead. Do you understand?"
"I understand," she answered, "and though the blasphemy bring on me the vengeance of Baaltis, yet I will dare it. Fear not, your ray shall be good," and she pressed forward to her place, keeping the veil wrapped about her head till she reached it observed, for in the general confusion none hed noticed her movements.

So soon as the noise of shouting and angry voices had died away, and the spectators were driven back outside the sacred circle, the priest upon the platform cried: 'Now that the Jew blasphemer is gone, let he sacrifice be offered, as is decreed."
"Yea, let the sacrifice be offered," an-

wered the multitude, and once more the ward. But before the priest could take it another figure approached him, that of the and it is the first-born child of a priestess plication to the protecting gods to restore health to that woman or high priestess who upturned. "O, God of heaven!" said Issachar, lifting was known as Lady Baaltis. The prayer

nspires me and I have a message from the this murderous and accursed race should space in front of the altar, and with a sudden movement threw off her white robe, re"Softly, friend," broke in Metem. "I have vealing herself to the spectators in a many-"Draw near, daughter, and speak it in the So Elissa climbed upon the platform, and olored garment of gauze through which her

standing upon it, still with outstretched hands and upturned face, she said in a clear Her black hair was adorned with a coronet of scarlet flowers, and hung loose about her. Her feet and arms were naked, and in each The goddess refuses the sacrifice, for she was commanded, indeed, that his heart might be proved, but his hand was stayed. The God whom I worship delights not in the parted as though to speak, and her eyes,

has taken to herself her for whom it was to have been offered—the Lady Baultis is dead." At this tidings a groan went up from the cople partly of grief for the loss of a spiriual dignity who was popular, and partly of disappointment because now the sacrifice not be offered, for the Phoenicians loved these horrible and public spectacles, which were not, however, of common occurrence among them.
"It is a lie," cried a voice, "but now the

"Lady Baaltis was living."

"Let the gates be opened and send to see whether or no I lie," said Elissa, quietly.

Then for awhile there was silence while a price went upon the errand. At length he vas seen returning. Pushing his way th the crowd, he climbed upon the platform

'The daughter of Cakon speaks truth; but ow is the Lady Baaltis dead." Elissa sighed in relief, for had her tidings been false she could scarcely have hoped to

scape the fury of the crowd.
"Aye," she cried, "she is dead, as I told you, and because of your sin is she dead. would have offered human sacrifice in public against the custom of the city and without the command of the godders."

Then in sullen silence the priests and priestesses reformed their procession and defollowed by the speciators, the most of them in no good mood, for they had been balked

(To be Continued.) SOME LATE INVESTIONS.

the promised spectacle.

A new billiard cue, recessed at the butt, with a screw-threaded red mounted in the chamber parallel to the cue to hold a weight which can be turned backward or forward to balance the cue.

A handy basket for carrying farm produce has a canvas strip attached to the top with a gathering string at its outer edge to draw it together and prevent the spilling or theft of the contents of the basket. In a newly designed dental cuspidor a hot-

ow arm is attached to a standard with ubes inside for fresh and waste water to flush the cuspidor, the arm being jointed and pivoted so as to turn in any direction. An Australian has patented a new system f gearing in which an endless colled spring works over grooved pulleys to transmit power from one shaft to another, the spring being also used to replace the chain on bicy

Women's hats can be suspended from nail without danger of slipping off by a new device, comprising a wire clamp set inside the hat, with a spring to hold it in a closed

I tall white-bearded figure of Issachar, clad in his pricestly robes.

"Hold!" he cried in a voice of thunder and with flashing eyes. "and touch not the innocent child. Spawn of Satan, would ye do murder to appease the devils whom ye worship. Well shall they repay ye. Oh!

he went on, pended from the roof, with sliding hooks to a head in a support the wheels as they are hung up, the shaking his thin arms above his head in a support the wheels as they are hung up, the prophetic frenzy. "I see the sword of the true God, and it flames above this city that other baggage can be stored below.

In a recently patented bed for invalids the mattress is formed of a series of separate on is young again it shall run red with compartments, which can be inflated rately or simultaneously to the desired hardwomen of the groves. The heathen is at ness, thus permitting the raising or lowering of any section to fit the patient's body. Stair treads in shops, street cars and omni-

prince. This is my business: Yonder in the temple they celebrate a service which it is God sends them as he sends the lawful for strangers to witness, and I tocusts or the north wind to detend the strangers to witness, and I tocusts or the north wind to detend the strangers to witness, and I tocusts or the north wind to detend the strangers to witness, and I tocusts or the north wind to detend the service of the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the service of the sends the strangers of demons, and my of any temple of sends the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends to the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the locusts or the north wind to detend the sends the locusts or the north wind to detend the locusts or the north wind the sends the locusts or the locusts or the locusts or the locusts or the north wind the sends the locusts or the locusts or the no buses are being fitted with electrical adveryou tising devices, spring contact plates being then placed on each tread to complete a circuit when stepped on and turn the light transparent sign set in the risers of the

American champagnes are fast driving out the imported article. abominations and see the part that Elissa | Thus far the priests and the spectators had list is Cook's Imperial.



It will be cheaper to ride a wheel than alk this year, Prices are rapidly approaching the bargain counter level, and the cason is yet young.

Wheel men and women who put up good pard centuries for mounts during the past three years may now recall, with a feeling "Have no fear, prince," he said, "he is of goneness in the pocketbook, the emphatic safe enough, for the soldiers have borne the assurances of the dealers that the so-called of goneness in the pocketbook, the emphatic fool away. Pardon me that I should speak high grade wheels could not be made and thus of a holy man, but he has put all our marketed for less than \$100 even. Indeed, marketed for less than \$100 even. Indeed, considerable indignation and printer's ink hotly, "and I honor Issachar for his act and were emitted in an effort to repel the insinuation that manufacturers were looting the public. It was a cruel, baseless charge, in their opinion, "a monstrous fable," they declared, concected by persons unacquainted with the costly intricacles of the business. Quite true. The multitude of wheel buyers did not take into account the vast sums pald racing teams to popularize makes, nor the money blown in promoting cycle and other shows, and in supporting a small

army of traveling agents.
The beginning of the end came last sum woman decires to speak with you," and he pointed to a girl in the robe of a priestess, whose face was hidden with a veil, and who, in the tumult end confusion, had worked her way to 3-in! must be stripped of extravagances and placed on a foundation of moderate profits. As a consequence, cycle shows were dis-pensed with, commissions cut in two, guarantees reduced from a year to sixty days, and the installment system of sales practically dispensed with.

The result of this revolution in the business is a revolution in prices. The high grades which cost \$100 in 1895-6 and \$75 last year are now listed for \$50 and \$60. Cotalogues of standard makers received by The Bee list chain gear wheels at from \$50 for first class to \$35 for second class. Chainless wheels are invariably listed at \$125. It is safe to say that \$50 will be the top price for chain wheels. It was agreed some weeks ago that \$60 and \$75 would be the ruling price, but the Spaldings have cut the price to \$50 and other dealers will be obliged to follow. Where prices will land when the ecason grows warmer is a question for prophets. It will be strange, indeed, if the

The Cycling West accepts as sincere the expressed intention of the League of American Wheelmen assembly to abandon race control after this year, and hauls down its opposition flag. Sterling Elliott expressed like confidence, in the Bulletin, intimating to any other organization. A number of in-terviews with prominent league men printed the racing interests, but it is an indisputable fact that racing cannot get on without the League of American Wheelmen. In an organization like the latter it is natural that there should exist differences of opinion relative to the control of racing. Without a doubt there is an element in the organizamen take any steps to abandon its control over that department the sentiments of the unabers should be considered. The anti-racing men suggest that an organization should be formed to take up cated by the fact that he will continue his The League of American Wheelmen is now the governing body over cycling, and just

to result." Will R. Pitney of New York, an ex-member of the racing board, in discussing the ques-

ttion said:
"I am decidedly opposed to the suggestion that the league give up its control over rac-ing. I can see no need of such a step, and the obstacles that will confront the racing nen when such a move is made, if it ever is, will be numerous. The constitution of the league recognizes racing and its members join under that classification. It is impossi-ble to determine where the objection in the League of American Wheelmen controlling racing lies. That department is self-supporting and interferes with no other inter-ests in the league. I am confident that the League of American Wheelmen will never see its way clear to divorce itself from racing.

The English bicycle owner is in great distress. The railroads charge more for trans-porting his machine than they do for his own fare, and it has been decided that he has no right, if he lives in a flat, to take his wheel upstairs with him and may be prevented H the landlord or any other Furthermore, it has lately ant protests. ruled that the landlord is under no bligation to provide a place for the wheel or to insure its safety if he does. The bi-cycle has now its rights on the road as a it is absurd to expect the poor man who can turely keep up with his own rent to hire a stable for his wheel as well.

Farewell, clanging, discordant bicycle Welcome, sweet, melodious bicycle chimes! For chimes it is to be if the happy xample set by a bleycle club of Detroit, Mich., is to be followed. The plan is simply this: Every bicycle bell shall in one harmonize with a certain note. Enough bells of different tones in a company will make it an easy matter for their owners to run he scales, play the chords and in fact was between Charles Wells, the California to appear upon them in countiess numrender any of the popular airs of the day giant, and Gougaltz. The latter was again after one of the least favorable with a little intelligent practice.

An Important decision was rendered re-

'In the provision respecting 'household effects' of persons or families there is an evi-dent intention of including articles which will be one of the most gigantic affairs that pertain to a person us of householder, or to a family as a household, which have been used abroad not less than a year, and not intended for others or for sale. A carriage is peculiarly a family household erticle. It ule of the tracks of the association best contributes, in a large degree, to the health, riding on other tracks which are not convenience, comfort and welfare of the cluded in that lat. The riders and their householder or o fithe family. The same, I trainers will receive a stated salary as well think, may be said of a bleycle."

A most alluring acheme to the wheelman is the plan to throw a grand highway across the continent, which, although not a new ea, has been recently revived by General Roy Sione of the Bureau of Road Inquiry. The states through which it would pasgad the general government are to bear the expense, which would ultimately be repaid from the benefits of such a concourse.

Joining the great highway at nearly right angles on either seaboard, according to the suggestion, would be another grand road.
The route on the Atlantic coast would be
the old Post road. On the Pacific coast has been suggested that it include one new scheme. which was the royal thoroughfare of the Spanish, joining the Catholic missions has somewhat wrought up the

ment, in installments running up to ten fifteen, or twenty years, and suppose the property actually adjoining the road were to be assessed \$2 an acre, for instance, and the next half mile back a little less, and so on, but always giving the party owning the property the privilege of selling out his land at a valuation if he did not choose to pay the assessment, and of buying back again by paying the interest if he found he had made a mistake. The government could well afford to make that liberal propo-sition, and it would result in nearly all the present property owners getting the actual benefit of the increase of the value of their property and paying the assessment entirely out of such increase of value."

Leggins, overgaiters and high top cycling boots for women will scarcely be used this season, according to the eastern dealers in these articles, who say that the trade in there lines has fallen off greatly, and very few new styles have been produced for the coming season. The wheelwomen found leggins too warm and clumsy and the high top boots wrinkled and seldom fitted well. Go!f stockings worn with shoes of about the usual height have been substituted.

One hundred and twenty-three people in the United States rode \$34,178 miles on bicycles in 1897. This is more than thirty Certificates were recently issued to all members of the Century Road Club of America who had ridden 5,000 miles or over in 1897 Seventy-two of these certificates were applied for and the total mileage reported was a little over 700,000. Illinois leads the other states with 171,739 miles, closely followed by Michigan with 126,492; New York, 80,497 Pennsylvania, 69,602; Colorado, 57,714; Maryland, 50,903; California, 48,334; with New Jersey, Indiana, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Onio, Min-nesota, Iowa, Louisiana, Arkansas, Florida, Tennessee end Nebraska following in the order named.

Gear cases bid feir to be used to some extent this season by riders of wheels equipped with chains, if the announcements of the catalogues are to be accepted as probable indications of the drift of things. At all events, the makers offer to equip their wheels with gene cases for a proper ation, if purchasers ask for them. The cases ew chainless wheels do not tumble below appear to be light and well constructed, but t remains to be seen whether they will be opular with a large number of wheelmen If they work well they may do away with the need of chain guards on women's wheels.

pneumatic tire undoubtedly made yeling what it is today, but notwithstanding the ease of riding now as compared with the that the league cannot honorably continue of a sport and at the same time of further reduction in the vibration which is keep up the idea that we were not a sporting of the rider. One novel idea with this organization." The basis for this confidence is the reference of the subject to a committee with instructions to report to the next assembly. But there is no present danger back forks and the top tube in which the assembly. But there is no present danger that the league will turn race control over to any other organization. A number of inin the New York Sun show a determination to continue the present system. Their argument is in substance as follows: "The responding hinge in the lower part of the League of American Wheelmen, it is true, rear of the frame and also in the front forks.

WITH THE CYCLE RACING MEN. Jimmy Michael's Brenk for Jockey

Honors Surprises the Gang. Doubtless the sensational event of the tive to the control of racing. Without a doubt there is an element in the organization that never patronizes races, but before the officers of the League of American Wheelthe racing management. This is impractical, training for the bike track in case that he does not take to the horses.

The rarebit will follow the Dwyer sta-

He has not signed any papers, nor he be put under contract until he men withdraws from racing, trouble is going shows that he can do something. It is said that he was first inclined to go into the horse game as a result of a conversation had some time ago with Mike Dwyer. In the course of his remarks Dwyer laughingly suggested that the little crack ought o try jockeying. He meant it as a joke, but Michael took it in earnest. There is no doubt, however, that the Welshman has been considering the move

for some time, as a result of the rumors that the great jockeys earn \$50,000 annually. He has exhibited some little nually. jealousy of Ted Sloane, while the latter was making his mark across the water. He appeared especially envious of the swath Sloane was cutting as a swell and had, in act, made up his mind to go over and show the Lunnuners that he could shine as loudly as the jockey. Sloane's return to this country, however, nipped the plan in the bud Michael has ridden horses a great deal, but has never been on a race horse

will tip the scales at ninety-eight, stripped.

There is quite an aggregation of cycling stars wintering at the training camp at Beileair, Fla., among them being Taylore, Dr. Brown, Karl Kaser, Gardiner and Lehr. bese is some talk of matching Dr. Brown and the German in a race soon. Taylore has been forced to give up training for a while, owing to his knee being affected still from his fail at Philade phia last winter. He may have to lay off two or three months on account of the accident. As soon as he trains two or three days his knee goes back on him and he can hardly walk.

A little race meet was pulled off last Tuesday at this training camp which scemed to show the superiority of the foreign riders. In both the mile open and the half mile handicap Jean Gougaltz of France won the former he and Brown had a hot f Gougaltz was pocketed, and extricated him-self only at the head of the stretch. He won by a foot from Brown. The time was 2:20. The fight in the half mile handicap put in a pocket, but won by two inches in the last desperate jump.

ently by the solicitor of the treasury. The country the Australian pursuit race was collector at Cleveland admitted to free entry tried. Six men started, being placed at as a Bousehold effect, under the provisions equally distant points around the track of paragraph 504 of the act of July 24, 1897. Huffstetter, the Florida champion; Lamber a bicycle brought by a person coming into his district from Canada. The machine had been in use for some time, which led to the Swiss champion. Each man as caucht the Swiss champion. had been in use for some time, which led to the collector's decision, but to make sure of his position that official asked for the ap-proval of the Treasury department. The opinion of the solicitor, which is too lengthy to reproduce here, after reviewing precedents,

The National Cycle Track association riders are to be put under contract for the entire season and they will follow a ached ule of the tracks of the association besides of the riders will go to the track association, while they are privileged to retain the other half in addition to their salary. It is zaid that the men to be signed are Tom Linton and Eddie McDuffee for the middle distance; Tom Cooper for the short sprints as Eddie Bald has refused to enter the comunpaced mile record, for that class of work and Harry Elkes, the fast Saratoga lad, fo racco from fifty to 100 miles behind the bisome \$24,000 will be required and that som is to be subscribed by the tracks of the association which care to take stock in the

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tions is that of Kieer, whom he thinks is the fastest man in America, and whom he wants to match against the French Morin. He says he will also have Bald and Mertens, but from the way things look at present he is talking through his bonnet about the

Whisperings of the Wheel. Now that the Associated Cycling clubs of Omaha has elected its officers for the encuing year and the different committees have all been appointed, local wheelmen look for the body to settle down to good hard work at once. It is pretty generally known among the racing men of the city that the members of the club's new racing board are favorable almost to the man, of holding an amateu road race on Decoration day and local er thusiasts may reasonably expect to see the renewal of what has been considered since 1895 until last year the opening event of the mid-western racing season. Last year the race was abandoned on account of the poor condition of the Dodge street course and it view of the fact that there was no other desirable course available a series of track races were held instead. These did not prove the success anticipated and it is hardly probable that the clubs will ever promote such an affair again. It is quite true that the Dodge street course is not in the best of condition at the present time, but a half day's work of a couple of men would put it in its oldpath course, but there are many more objections to this than there are to the Dodge street. In the first place, the Florence course is too short, and again it is level and a race upon it would be nothing more than a six or eight-mile track race instead of a

road race. On the Dodge street course rider must be a good hill climber, goo upon the level and able to pedal down hill with lightning rapidity, or, in other words, must be a first-class all-around road rider in order to win. Another thing favoring this course is the fact that there is a recorestablished upon it which all racing men who could compete in the road race would naturally be anxious to lower, this would add a certain amount of interest to the elsewhere. It is hoped that at their next meeting the clubs will decide definitely upon this matter in order to give its prize committees plenty of time to secure a more liberal prize list than has been offered in his city before for such a race.

John S. Prince is expected to arrive it this city from St. Louis the first part of next week. He will begin work upon his bicycle track and athletic field project immediately upon his arrival.

Just at the present time this city has good prospect of at least three good bicycle tracks for the coming season. The man team are the latest people to talk of building a blcycle track. One of these gentlemen informed Chief Consul D. J. O'Brien of the league that if grounds large enough could be secured he would build a first-class bicycle track around the base ball field, and while the Omaha team was playing away from home he would put on first-class pro fessional and amateur bicycle races. With this track in view and the ones which Jack Prince and the East Omaha Street Railway company talk of building this city should should not want for bicycle tracks during 1898.

The pleasant weather of the last week has emoved all the remaining traces of winter from the streets and wheels are beginning winters for bleycle riding in this city that has been known since wheeling became popular here. There have sacreely been two are ten beet sugar factories in operation in weeks during the entire winter that were this country, and ten more under contract, pleasant enough to permit cycling and the He has no doubt of the profits of the indusenthusiasts all wear happy looks upon their try to the faces since they have been able to take a facturer. spin upon their "bikes" once more. So far there are very few '98 models to be seen bave hith among the large number of wheelmen who frequent the streets cally and but one or two chainless models have made their appearance. All of the retail dealers report trade good, however, and the indications are that blevele business will be unusually good this

H. C. Gadke, one of the popular local professional racing men, received his 1898 racing machine last week. He is the first machine. He expects to commence training for the scason's racing as soon as the weather will permit.

Ed T. Heyden, manager of the Omaha Bleycle company, has just completed his bicycle check stand on the corner of Twentieth and Emmet streets. Wheels can a very pretty fight.
be checked there any time. The production of borax in the United

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month, which is 149,000 more per month than ever before. The Toronto city council has resolved that

o allen, and particularly no citizen of the United States, shall hereafter be employed n civic work in that city.

The total number of locomotives built in the United States in 1897, says the Manufacturers' Gazette, is placed at 1.251, of which 386, almost 23 per cent, were for export. As an evidence of the progress now being made by the Japanese it is stated that all parts of railway cars are made by native;

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says there | times us much as their present output,



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Great Britain and her colonies, which have hitherto had almost a monopoly of the Persian market for shirtings and sheetings, are being left behind by Ruesia, whose ship-ments into Pers'a are gaining as steadily as the British manufacturers are losing. It seems probable that the plan to build

a mill to supply cotton yarn to several woolen mills in the south will be carried out. A two-story mill, 110x500 feet, may be built and equipped with 10,000 spindles at first John A. and W. A. Campbell of Chattaneoga, Tenn., are interested. The Mill Men's club of Chicago is com-

posed of 150 contractors who employ only union carpenters. The contractors who are shut out of the so-called combine have joined with 1,800 nonunion carpenters and organized to fight the club and unionists during the season now opening. It promises

States was 18,000,000 pounds in 1897, as against 15,258,014 pounds in 1896. As heretofore, this was produced entirely in the states of California and Nevada. A large part of the output was converted into boracic The Union Light and Power company,

which has succeeded to all the rights of the Salt Lake and Ogden Gas and Electric Light ompany, is furnishing manufactured gas to all consumers at 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, which is said to be less than the actual cost of production.

There are half a dozen large woolen mills in Oregon. Salem mills manufacture serges, cheviots, tweeds, worsteds and cloths of all kinds, besides fine blankets. The Klondiko workmen, excepting only the wheels, which are imported. ning night and day, and they could sell three

In expiration of his proposition, General to take a team of American stars to Francisco easys: "Suppose that property were to be assected with a long term of pay- that country. One of the names he man At the head of the

The window glass factories of Anderson

nation; Clint Coulter, the holder of the To carry this project through

Tom Eck, the veteran cycling manage